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Dear Mr Puxon,

Further to my reply on 29 October, in relation to the letter you sent to Rt hon Beverley Hughes MP concerning ownership of the log cabin which your Association purchased through Essex County Council's Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funds, and your subsequent email of 31 October. I am now able to provide the information you requested. I am sorry I was not able to reply sooner, this was due to the legal proceedings that were underway at the time of your request, plus the need to gather more information.

The conditions of grant for the Youth Capital Fund do provide discretion for our Department to recover the market value of any asset purchased with grant funds if and when the asset is disposed of, or ceases to be used for the provisions for which it was purchased. As the log cabin was still being used as a youth centre and there was no intention of it being disposed of we did not assert ownership in this case.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Standret

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